provide a taxiway linking at the beginning of both the runways. Calcutta airport is included in the ongoing modernisation plan of air traffic services which includes Air Traffic Control Automation and modern navigation aids.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) NAA has a plan to construct a new airport at Tura in Meghalaya in the VIIIth Five Year Plan.

Medical Facilities in ITDC

6949. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to to state:

(a) whether the facility of claiming fixed medical allowances has been stopped in cases where husband and wife are employed in ITDC and the same is allowed where they are working in different PSUs;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that even in different buildings of ITDC a few couples are given fixed medical allowance whereas few other are denied;

(d) since when the proposal to give fixed medical allowance is pending with the Personnel Division; and

(e) whether they will be paid arrears of fixed medical allowance of the financial year 1993-94, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The facility of medical reimbursement for outdoor family treatment is applicable either to husband or wife employed in ITDC. In case one spouse is working in ITDC and other in some other PSU, the medical reimbursement is payable in ITDC if the other spouse is not availing medical benefits from his/her employer.

(c) No Sir. Both the spouses are not eligible for joint medical reimbursement and in case payment has been made to them, recoveries are effected from one of them as per the rules.

(d) and (e) The fixed medical allowance is already available and no fresh proposal is under consideration. The question of paying arrears does not arise.

Resignation by pilots of IA

6950 SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of pilots of Indian Airlines have recently resigned since promulgation of the Air Corporations Ordinance;

(b) if so, the number of such pilots and of those who have given notice of resigning; and

(c) what steps are being taken to maintain the service?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Ten pilots have resigned after the promulgation of the Air Corporations (Transfer of Undertakings and Repeal) Ordinance, 1994 on 29th January, 1994. Two of the above 10 pilots have, however, joined back. None of these pilots has given the requisite notice of resignation.

(c) The services are being maintained commensurate with the available strength of pilots. Besides, five pilots who had retired from Indian Airlines have joined as line pilots on contract basis. The signing of settlements pertaining to Flight and Duty Time Limitations (FDTL) and Productivity Linked Payment has resulted in increased utilization of pilots.

Humiliation of British Tourist in Goa

6951. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that some British tourists were arrested and humiliated in Goa recently who entered Raj Bhawan, thinking it to be a five star hotel, as there was no sign board or security guards at the entrance of Raj Bhawan: